

REMARKS

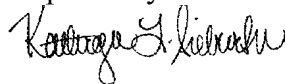
The claims are 49-72 and 92-104. Claims 73-91 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 49 has been amended to provide literal antecedent basis for the terms "Ar" and "aryl" in the claim. Support for this amendment may be found in the specification at page 11, line 3. Claims 49 and 67 has been amended to correct typographical errors. The definition of "n" in the proviso in claim 49 has been amended to correspond to the definition of "n" in the body of claim. Claim 70 has been amended in accordance with claim 49. Support for method claims 92-104 may be found in previously pending claims 73-88.

The pending claims are subject to a restriction requirement and/or election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372. The Examiner has divided the claims in this application into three (3) groups. Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, drawn to chemical compounds of the Formula (I), and a pharmaceutical composition comprising the same. This election is made with traverse. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §821.04, Applicants request that the method of use claims (92-107), which now depend from and thereby include all the limitations of compound claims 49-72, be rejoined in this application when the composition of matter/product claims are subsequently found allowable.

Applicants are also required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in this case. Applicants elect the compound of Example 10, (S)-2-(3-{3-[[2-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl](2-phenyl-propyl)amino]propoxy}-phenyl)acetic acid hydrochloride salt.

Applicants retain the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter should the restriction requirement become final. Authorization is hereby granted to charge any fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

Respectfully submitted,



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